

I urge you (FCC) not to weaken the rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of America's newspapers and radio and TV stations. The rules for media ownership is likely to allow big corporations to dominate ownership of media in a particular city or town. If that happens, one company may be allowed to own the local newspaper, several TV and radio stations and the cable TV system in the same community. There would be fewer owners of networks, stations and newspapers nationwide.

Media ownership would be concentrated among fewer companies and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints would be compromised. Plus, it likely would result in higher costs for businesses that advertise in local media, and those costs likely would be passed onto consumers.

Please reinstate your traditional media ownership rules for the sake of competition and democracy.